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***If All The Seas Were Ink** - A memoir by Ilana Kurshan*

As HJC president Vicki Perler said in her introduction, “This really does feel like a homecoming.” And what a homecoming it was, as Ilana Kurshan addressed an enthusiastic crowd of more than 125 people (including her parents Rabbi and Alisa, and brother Eytan) who turned out despite a huge rainstorm for an author talk and signing of her recently published memoir, *If All The Seas Were Ink*. While Ilana was speaking at numerous events throughout the metropolitan area during her visit and book tour, the event at Huntington Jewish Center was unique in providing her the opportunity to speak before the community which played a significant role in her upbringing, in the building where she spent so many hours growing up.

Ilana began by describing the chain of events which led her to undertake the study of Talmud through the Daf Yomi program, where participants study a page of Talmud a day over the course of seven and a half years. Finding herself in the middle of a divorce, living in Jerusalem, thousands of miles from her home, and with no clear future, she was challenged to study Daf Yomi by a jogging partner. While initially rejecting the idea (she perceived Talmud as “complicated text with convoluted logic”), she ultimately decided to give it a try. In fact, she found that the study of Talmud spoke to her, as she came to understand Talmud as not a book searching for answers, but rather one searching for questions.

She started slowly, mostly listening to podcasts, but eventually joined a local class, where she was the only female, and the youngest by far. This led to her also joining a weekly parsha class where she met Daniel, whom she subsequently joined together with in Talmud study, marriage, and the creation of four beautiful children.

Ilana found that she naturally associated what she was learning with what was going on in her life, and strengthened her learning through note-taking, limerick writing, and blog posting. While all of this was done for her own benefit, she was eventually approached by an agent she knew who suggested she produce a book about her Daf Yomi journey. Though reluctant, noting that she considered poetry the highest form of writing, followed by novels and non-fiction, with memoirs far below



on the list, she ultimately took the plunge, pored through her notes and her memories, and wrote the book. Among her concerns was her sensitivity to issues of privacy and discretion (the consideration of which she was well primed for as Rabbi Kurshan’s daughter growing up at HJC), but Ilana noted that the reception she was receiving at our synagogue confirmed that she had followed the right path.

Following Ilana’s presentation, Rabbi Saks joined her on the stage to engage her in conversation on a number of issues, including her time at Huntington High School, where she was one of a small number of Jews, and an even smaller number of observant Jews. She also reflected on how she reconciled the conflicts between the portrayal of women in the Talmud and her view of women as being equal in all aspects of Jewish life and observance.



Finally, Ilana responded to questions from the audience, where she talked about the challenges of taking on Daf Yomi study, all the more so if one is not fluent in Hebrew, much less Aramaic. She noted that Torah is like water, in that it takes the shape of the vessel it is in; therefore one need not be knowledgeable about Torah and Talmud, but rather open to illuminating the text based on one’s own life and perspectives. She also spoke of the difference between prayer, or regular davening, vs. Torah and Talmud study. While she focuses more on study, she also appreciates the value of prayer, which she said forces us to be aware of what we’re praying for, and allows for a line of communication with God, “like having God in your WhatsApp.”



The evening ended with Ilana signing books and greeting the many congregants who turned out for this informative and entertaining evening of personal anecdotes and HJC memories.

Sisterhood News

MEMBERSHIP

If you were not able to join us at the Annual Paid Up Membership Dinner, it is not too late to send in your Sisterhood membership dues!
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Sisterhood has many programs throughout the year.
 Attend an event or join a committee!
 We always need volunteers to staff events, fundraisers, assist in the kitchen for Shabbat Kiddushes, Religious School festivals, bake hamantashen or fill Purim baskets.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Thank you to all who donated and to all the volunteers who assisted with the set-up and sale.
 Items not purchased were donated to local organizations.
 A very special TODAH RABAH goes to Marlene Hummel, and Vicki Rosen, our Rummage Sale co- chairs.

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This year's theme for Women's League is *Mah Tovv* ("how good!").
 The Torah Fund pin featuring the number 100 in raised letters and encased in a silver frame is a treasured keepsake of the Women's League centennial celebration to wear with pride!
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December 10th - Hanukkah Happening 11:00am-1:00pm
December 11th - Sisterhood Board Meeting 8pm
December 19th - Hanukkah Candle Lighting 6:15pm

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DECEMBER 2017

KISLEV-TEVET 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1/13 Kislev Minyan Brkfst sponsored by Bill Yelen 8:00am	2/14 Kislev Kapen Bar Mitzvah <i>Vayishlach</i>
3/15 Kislev JNN RS/RS Board Mtg USY/Kadima Mens Club Mtg 9:45am	4/16 Kislev	5/17 Kislev RS/MT/Chaverim	6/18 Kislev Mid-Week Manna 9:30am Mid-Week Manna 1:00pm EC Meeting 8:00pm	7/19 Kislev	8/20 Kislev ECC Daddy & Doughnuts Jr Congregation Family Program 7:00pm	9/21 Kislev <i>Vayeshev</i>
10/22 Kislev JNN RS/USY/Kadima Camp Fair / Hanukkah Happening 11:00am Ridotto 4:00pm	11/23 Kislev SH Board Mtg 8:00pm	12/24 Kislev RS <i>Erev Hanukkah</i>	13/25 Kislev Mid-Week Manna 9:30am Mid-Week Manna 1:00pm HIHI 6:00pm <i>Hanukkah</i>	14/26 Kislev <i>Hanukkah</i>	15/27 Kislev <i>Hanukkah</i>	16/28 Kislev Junior Congregation ECC Bim Bam Shabbat & Havdalah 5:15pm <i>Hanukkah</i>
17/29 Kislev JNN RS/VAV Workshop #2 & #3 <i>Hanukkah</i>	18/30 Kislev <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> <i>Hanukkah</i>	19/1 Tevet RS/MT/Chaverim Community Candle Lighting 6:15pm <i>Hanukkah</i>	20/2 Tevet Mid-Week Manna 9:30am Mid-Week Manna 1:00pm Mid-Week Manna 8:00pm <i>Hanukkah</i>	21/3 Tevet Board Mtg 8:00pm	22/4 Tevet	23/5 Tevet <i>Vayetze</i>
24/6 Tevet JNN / RS Closed	25/7 Tevet ECC Closed thru 1/2/2018 Main Office Closed	26/8 Tevet RS Closed	27/9 Tevet HIHI 6:00pm	28/10 Tevet	29/11 Tevet	30/12 Tevet
31/13 Tevet JNN / RS Closed						

JANUARY 2018

TEVET-SHEVAT 5778

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ECC/Main Office Closed	1/14 Tevet ECC Reopens RS <i>New Year's Day</i>	2/15 Tevet	3/16 Tevet	4/17 Tevet	5/18 Tevet Minyan Brkfst sponsored by Nancy Cooper 8:00am	6/19 Tevet Junior Cong. 10:30am <i>Shemot</i>
7/20 Tevet JNN RS/Workshop/USY/Kadima	8/21 Tevet SH Board Mtg 8:00pm	9/22 Tevet RS/MT/Chaverim	10/23 Tevet HIHI 6:00pm EC Meeting - 7:30pm Holocaust Presentation - Woodbury Jewish Center	11/24 Tevet SH Book Discussion	12/25 Tevet PJ Library Pizza & PJs - 5:00pm	13/26 Tevet Kay Lodge / Eric Isaacs Auf Ruf <i>Va'era</i>
14/27 Tevet JNN RS Closed	15/28 Tevet ECC/Main Office Closed <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	16/29 Tevet RS	17/1 Shevat SH Rosh Chodesh Program 7:30pm <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	18/2 Shevat Board Meeting	19/3 Shevat	20/4 Shevat Family Junior Cong. "In The Mood" Swing Dance Event - 8:00pm <i>Bo</i>
21/5 Shevat JNN RS/Workshop/Parent - Teacher Conf Gan & Alef MC Ice Skating Event Ridotto 4:00pm	22/6 Shevat RS/Parent - Teacher Conf Bet & Vav	23/7 Shevat HIHI	24/8 Shevat	25/9 Shevat Parents BBM Meeting	26/10 Shevat	27/11 Shevat Shabbat Shirah <i>Beshalach</i>
28/12 Shevat JNN RS/RS Board Meeting USY/Kadima SH/MC "Deli Man" Presentation	29/13 Shevat	30/14 Shevat RS Tu B'Shevat Family Seder MT/Chaverim	31/15 Shevat <i>Tu B'Shevat</i>			

From Rabbi Ari Saks



Menschy Mashov

You cannot recover the word after it's said

- Anonymous

The famous adage “for every Jew there are three opinions,” is recited ad nauseum that it doesn’t bear repeating. Yes, it’s true. Judaism values strong opinions and Jews aren’t afraid to have strong opinions.

Our community is no different. Whether it’s a program, a meeting, a service, an email, we are not shy about forming our opinions on things that happen at shul. Yet I wonder, as we build our community together, where are the winds of our opinions blowing and where do they rest? Do they return to the source of origin like a boomerang? Or, as the quote above hints, do they spread far and wide never to be recovered?

Let me be clear here. When I say “opinions,” I do not mean *lashon hara* (“evil tongue”) or *rechilut* (“gossip”). I may be naïve, but in my short experience in our community I do not see *lashon hara* or *rechilut* as outsized concerns. Quite the opposite. Our *menschlichkeit* towards one another in our sanctuary, as we socialize, and while we do and learn, is as clear as daylight, having been nurtured over decades. At HJC, we seek to be our best selves, and that desire has created a community of nice people that, while strong willed, truly strives to treat each other with *derekh eretz*. Of course no one is perfect and there are times when we fail, but as far as I can tell our community **approaches, engages, and nurtures one another** in keeping with the famous quote from Abraham Joshua Heschel:

When I was young I admired clever people, now that I’m old I admire nice people.

I feel blessed to be surrounded by nice people.

The challenge though with nice, opinionated people is that our predilection to be both (nice and opinionated) means that at times our opinions don’t get back to the people who need to hear them the most. Many of us, if not all of us, have put a lot of effort into doing something of value at or for the shul. Are we sharing with one another what we need to do to improve our work product, whether it’s a program, a meeting, a conversation, a service, an email, etc? Are we communicating with one another the necessary information for us to collectively grow spiritually and interpersonally? There’s nothing wrong with talking with friends and colleagues about what we see in shul. It’s through these conversations that we process what we’ve experienced to help form our opinions. But those opinions are just blowing in the wind if they don’t boomerang back to be heard by those who can grow the most from listening to them.

The Hebrew word for **feedback** – *mashov* (משוב) – is a fascinating one. It’s unclear if its root is *n-sh-v* (נש"ב) meaning “blow,”

or *y-sh-v* (י"ש"ב) meaning “sit.” These terms are quite contrary to one another. The former term indicates motion, as in the famous phrase in the *Amidah* “*meishiv haruach umorid hagashem*” (משיב הרוח ומוריד הגשם) meaning “who causes the winds to blow and the rains to fall.” The winds can **blow** in any possible direction.

The latter term however reflects a static state, as in the Talmudic phrase “*meyashev et da'ato*” (את דעתו מישב) meaning “settles his opinion.” At some point our opinions become settled, after which it is often very difficult to move them in a different direction.

Taken together, these two, contrary roots (נש"ב and י"ש"ב) teach us something very valuable about the boomerang nature of *mashov* or “feedback.” **In order for the winds of our opinions to have any efficacy, they must boomerang back to the people who have the opportunity to grow from them before their opinions become settled and more immovable.** What’s more, if this process of **transparent communication** is institutionalized then the feedback loop among the producers and consumers of each shul product will help refine our opinions, improve our product, and ultimately help us grow individually and as a community.

But what about our communal niceness? Isn’t that a value we want to uphold and isn’t it at stake if we pursue transparent communication? In short, YES and YES. YES – our niceness is a value we want to uphold. *Menschlichkeit* is not grown on trees and we must guard it like a *s’yag latorah* (“fence around the Torah”). And YES – the more honest feedback we share with one another the greater chance we may come across as “not nice.” But important *mashov* and sacred *menschlichkeit* are not mutually exclusive, as long as we approach both of them the right way. So to conclude, **I’d like to offer three tips for Menschy Mashov, feedback that is shared in a nice way.** And depending on your *mashov* to this article, I’d be happy to explain these tips in greater detail:

1) Approach with Love – No matter the situation, we give each other the *chaf z’khut* (“benefit of the doubt”). We seek to learn each other’s understandings and interpretations using language that opens conversations. The more we show we care about the other, the more willing we are to listen to the Torah each has to share.

2) Engage Honestly – Accountability is required for both the one giving *mashov* and the one receiving it. We must both be willing to share our truth in plain language *and* be willing to hear the responses to that truth.

3) Nurture for Growth – Our collective mindset must be one of openness to *tzemichah* (“growth”). Like a plant that needs watering, the nurturing waters of *mashov* will help us all become our best selves, a process that is part of the DNA of HJC.

May we be a community full of *Menschy Mashov*.

Kol Tuv,

Rabbi Ari Saks

From Hazzan Israel Gordan



A Worthy Cause

On Sunday, November 12th, I had the great privilege and honor to join with seven other cantors at a benefit concert for the American Friends of Meir Panim at the Suffolk Y - JCC. According to their website, "Meir Panim was established to help alleviate and diminish the harmful effects of poverty on thousands of men, women and

children across Israel. The need to help disadvantaged Israeli families break out of the vicious cycle of poverty is something that cannot be ignored." I had a great time and was proud to help support such a worthy cause.

Much like rabbis, cantors' jobs vary greatly from synagogue to synagogue. It is not only dependent on the size and location of a synagogue (being the cantor for a 300 family shul on long Island is very different than for a 1300 family shul in Minneapolis), but also on the facility, the resources, and the expectations of the community. In addition to the job factors dictating different aspects of the job description, there is also the individual that shapes the job. Some cantors are great singers, while some aren't the greatest singers but are great musicians. Some like to write, arrange, and conduct music. Some are strong programmers. Some work with the young while others work with the old. And some like to teach while others are great speakers.

For me, performing has not been a regular part of my job (some

cantors perform at multiple concerts every year). While I enjoy singing (I certainly hope so in my line of work), I prefer singing with people. That is why I like leading davening so much, because most of it involves singing with people. I also like the performative aspects of leading services and creating the right balance in any particular service between congregational singing, straight davening, and more classical hazzanut.

At the end of this past summer, however, I recorded a song that a friend had written and was trying to produce. I had so much fun in the process that it reminded me of the merits of artistic expression, especially through musical performance. I was excited when I was asked to join this effort and I look forward to performing more at HJC and in the area.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees of the Huntington Jewish Center for making such a generous donation to Meir Panim on my behalf. I also want to thank everyone else who gave as individuals and everyone who showed up at the concert to support me in person. I had a great time and it really felt like the audience did as well. It meant so much to me to see so many supportive faces in the audience from the HJC community, in addition to my wife and parents. Last month I thanked Walter and Elaine Kleinmann for serving on the concert committee and this month I want to also thank Barry Sosnick for his invaluable help of stuffing and addressing the invitations.

It is great to help others around the world. It's also great to come together as a community. *L'chayim - to life!*



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President's Perspective by Vicki Perler



Don't let the light go out!

*Don't let the light go out!
It's lasted for so many years!
Don't let the light go out!
Let it shine through our hope
and our tears.*

Peter Yarrow

The days are getting shorter, and I still can't get used to the fact that it's practically dark at 4:00. But, here we are during these darkest days, welcoming Chanukah, the Festival of Lights. It's a wonderful juxtaposition - this cold, dark season and the warm, illuminated holiday. There is no better time for families to get together to light up the darkness with glowing Chanukah lights. Although we can light additional Chanukiot anywhere in our home, we are required to place a Chanukiah in a window, to declare our identity, to publicly celebrate our Maccabee heroes and heroines, and to shout our eternal resilience in the face of adversity.

An important theme of Chanukah is "light out of the darkness," and this element of the holiday holds great promise as an opportunity to support and care for members of our community who suffer or are in need of assistance. Whether it's helping with HIHI, HJC's initiative to house homeless men during the coldest and darkest months, making sandwiches on Sunday mornings for the Jewish Nutrition Network, doing a Mitzvah for our Christian friends on the eve of their holiday, or attending HJC's Chanukah Happening, we have many opportunities this month to implement the basic Jewish value of taking responsibility for each other.

Every year around this time, I recall my blackout and hurricane experiences in New York. During those times, the days were very long, especially during Hurricane Sandy when we

were without power and mostly in the dark for 12 days. So, what did this dark world, devoid of electric lights, televisions and computers look and feel like? Newspapers, boom-boxes, transistor radios, car radios, and face-to-face contact with our neighbors kept us informed about what was happening in the otherwise dark world. The 24-hour news cycle vanished and we didn't miss it. Many families told me how much more enjoyable their home life became without the noises and distractions from children's and adults' technology. We read more, played more with our children, took long walks, went to bed earlier, slept longer and took naps. We worked hard to keep ourselves warm, dry and well-fed. It turns out that the darkness inspired us all to be closer to each other.

In the weeks before Chanukah, our early childhood and religious school students learn words like freedom, courage, hero, bravery, light, darkness, olives, oil, candles, Chanukiah, and Menorah, and this helps them internalize the core concepts and values of the holiday. Chanukah followed Hurricane Sandy by only a few weeks, and many young children easily made the connection between the darkness of storms and disasters and the spiritual darkness against which the Maccabee heroes struggled. They could see our local heroes working in their streets, struggling to bring back our power, our light, and our lifestyles.

No, we won't let the light go out, because Jewish values impel us to be kind and to take responsibility for each other, to be everyday heroes in our families and communities. When we do this, we increase light and hope, and we diminish darkness and fear. As we celebrate our Festival of Lights, may you recognize and enjoy all the big and small miracles in your life, and look forward to a new year illuminated with happiness, good health, peace, and blessings.

The HJC Blood Drive in memory of Ethel Tasman Fleiss

**Sunday, December 24th
9 AM to 1 PM**



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There's a New Rabbi in Town

It feels as if Rabbi Saks has been with the HJC ECC forever-I mean that in a good way. Rabbi Saks has already made his presence known in so many ways at our preschool. The Rabbi greets the families with me several times a week and already knows the majority by name. Rabbi Saks greets with warmth, sincerity, and a sense of humor,

which is essential to being involved in the ECC.

On Wednesdays Rabbi Saks offers "Coffee Talk" to all. He already has many regulars and followers from the ECC population and has made everyone feel so welcome that all are sharing stories as if they have known each other for years.

I didn't think our ECC community Shabbat could get any better than it already is thanks to the amazing Cantor Gordan, but Rabbi Saks has added another dimension to our Shabbat. If you visit us from 9:45-10:15am on Friday mornings, you will find the Cantor singing and the Rabbi dancing.... and I mean serious dancing with the teachers, parents and especially the children. The Rabbi has shared stories with the children using props, costumes, and a great deal of interactive participation from the ECC.

Perhaps Rabbi Saks's visits to every class weekly has left the biggest impression on the children of the ECC. Once again, he involves every child, teaching them something new through story, song, and dance. The children have learned about Talit and the Torah and

much more. The children, teachers, and parents (and me too) adore Rabbi Saks. It is hard to believe that he has just been with us for such a short time.



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On behalf of Jay, my children, my father and my brother and sister, I want to thank my wonderful HJC community for all your kind thoughts and comforting visits following the death of my mother in October. I am so fortunate to call HJC my spiritual home. - *Ellen Steinberg*

Thank you to all who generously made donations in honor of my 85th birthday. - *Ethel Sachs*

Religious School *Maxine Fisher, Administrator*



December Events

With the coming of the cold weather, it is nice and toasty with all that is happening in Religious School.

Join us on December 3rd for the Religious School Board meeting at 9:15 after you drop your children off for school all are welcome.

On Friday, December 8th at 7:00 we are having our first ever Family Friday evening Junior Congregation!!

Sunday, December 10th is our annual Hanukkah Happening. There will be early dismissal at 11:00 for Gimel - Mitzvah Team. Please come promptly at 11:00 for a Zimriah (song fest). Each of your children's classes will be leading a Hanukkah song in the Sanctuary and then all the fun in the social hall. Don't forget to visit our camp fair where you have the opportunity to speak with representatives from at least 12 Jewish camps. If you can lend a hand to run one of the craft tables, please let me know.

Saturday, December 16th is Junior Congregation. We will be starting at 10:00 with game time. That same night there is Havdalah on Hanukkah at 5:15 for ECC K-1 and 2. More info to follow.

Sunday, December 17th is the 3rd Vav Workshops with Rabbi Saks. Please come at 9:00 for minyan and workshop at 9:45.

Tuesday, December 19th at 6:15 join us for our congregation candle lighting in front of the building.

Don't forget to pick up a candle to light up the holiday of some kids in need. They are on the bulletin board in the school hallway.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah!!

These are students visiting HJC from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



The Ben Tasman library is growing, changing and is better than ever.

New shelves were purchased for our expanding collection of fiction and the variety of reading experiences is constantly expanding... from Michael Chabon to a treatise on anti-Semitism it's all there. There are wonderful, current magazines to read in the library to keep you up-to-date on the current Jewish world. The Jerusalem Post will be added to our monthly publications for those wanting to move forward with Modern Hebrew (recently a mid-week manna topic with Rabbi Saks). A tireless, dedicated group has been working to keep the HJC library growing and going and we will soon be printing a catalogue to make things even better. We are not funded by the synagogue but thankfully receive a yearly stipend from Sisterhood. Think about celebrating or commemorating with a donation to keep People of the Book a reality. Hope you will visit this warm, welcoming, perfect place to escape the coming cold weather.

Syd Schlesinger, HJC Ben Tasman Library Chair

View From The Director's Chair *by Barbara Axmacher*



Season of Change

The fall has gone by in the blink of an eye. As we get ready for a cold weather hibernation and the arrival of our first winter snowfall the memories of the many HJC holidays, activities and events this past year are sure to keep us warm.

Not only have we welcomed the Rabbi and his family to our community,



but we have also welcomed 25 new member units to the congregation in 2017. Additionally, we had over 15 additional guest families join us for the High Holidays who are being actively engaged by our Membership committee and encouraged to join.

Donations, participation and volunteerism are all on an increase as we celebrated community favorites like Progressive


Dinner, A Taste of Passover and FNL and expanded our event calendar to include No Place on Earth, (mostly) True Things, a Golf Outing and a very special book event with Ilana Kurshan. Next year we will be adding a Swing Dance, a Family Softball game and welcoming back our Melting Pot Comedy Event.

The addition of a new 2 year old classroom has brought 10 brand new bright smiling faces to the ECC, Religious School enrollment has increased and our Youth Group has a fabulous new Lounge to relax in.

Although the Northeast enters into this time of seasonal slumber, HJC has a hustle and bustle. Like the last embers of November's fallen leaves, our change and growth has given us a sense of vibrancy, leaving us feeling energized and excited about the life we continue to build within our community's walls. Let us continue our journey as together we welcome 2018 with open arms and an open heart.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Important Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting for all 2019 parents

Thursday, January 25, 2018 / 8:00 pm

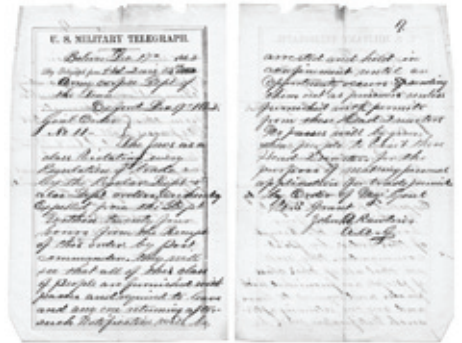
Rabbi, Cantor, Ritual Committee & Sisterhood will be present to review all details of your simcha.



This Month in American Jewish History

General Order No. 11, December 17, 1862 Major General Ulysses S. Grant, Commander The Army & Department of the Tennessee

1. The Jews, as a class violating every regulation of trade established by the Treasury Department and also department orders, are hereby expelled from the Department [of the Tennessee] within twenty-four hours from the receipt of this order.
2. Post commanders will see to it that all of this class of people be furnished passes and required to leave, and any one returning after such notification will be arrested and held in confinement until an opportunity occurs of sending them out as prisoners, unless furnished with permit from headquarters.
3. No passes will be given these people to visit headquarters for the purpose of making personal application of trade permits.



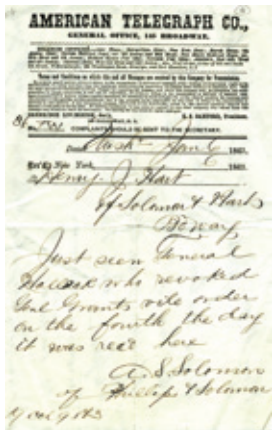
Cover letter, Transmitting General Order No. 11, December 17, 1862 General Grant to Christopher Wolcott, Assistant Secretary of War

Sir,

I have long since believed that, in spite of all the vigilance that can be infused into Post Commanders, that the Specie regulations of the Treasury Dept. have been violated, and that mostly by Jews and other unprincipled traders. So well satisfied of this have I been at this that I instructed the Commanding Officer at Columbus [Kentucky] to refuse all permits to Jews to come south, and frequently have had them expelled from the Dept. [of the Tennessee]. But they come in with their Carpet sacks, in spite of all that can be done to prevent it. The Jews seem to be a privileged class that can travel anywhere. They will land at any wood yard or landing on the river and make their way through the country. If not permitted to buy Cotton themselves they will act as agents for someone else who will be at a Military post, with a Treasury permit to receive Cotton and pay for it in Treasury notes which the Jew will buy up at an agreed rate, paying gold.

There is but one way that I know of to reach this case. That is for Government to buy all the Cotton at a fixed rate and send it to Cairo, St Louis, or some other point to be sold. Then all traders, they are a curse to the Army, might be expelled.

Major General Ulysses S. Grant, Commander
The Army & Department of the Tennessee



Editor's Note: During the Civil War, the Union's Department of the Tennessee included much of Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky. President Lincoln permitted ongoing cotton trade between North and South throughout the war, because textile mills in the North were dependent on Southern cotton, and massive amounts of textiles were needed for the war effort. The Union Army regulated and controlled the trade in what was both a civilian and war commodity. The Army's goal was to preserve the flow of raw cotton to the North, while allowing only a meager profit to Southern growers, sufficient only for survival, but insufficient to support the Confederate war effort. In 1862, General Grant was in command of the Army of the Tennessee, headquartered in Paducah, KY, which was an enormous military supply depot and a center of the cotton trade. As usual in times of war, a thriving black market burgeoned. Since trading cotton required Army-issued licenses and passes, the black market could only exist with the acquiescence and participation of army officers and enlisted men. Grant was enraged, but knowing the depth of his officers' complicity, he focused his attack on the civilians. Grant railed against traders in general and "the Jews" in particular. He issued his General Order No. 11 on December 17, 1862. Seventeen days later, on January 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln ordered Grant to revoke the order, after hearing the pleas of American Jewish leaders at the White House. Grant complied on January 17. Grant's order lasted a total of only 31 days, during which it seems a few Jewish families left Paducah but returned shortly thereafter. Throughout the rest of his life, Grant worked to reconcile with America's Jews, and he largely succeeded, winning the bulk of the Jewish vote in his presidential elections.

This year, HJC will once again be participating in the Family Service League program called HIHL.

This stands for Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative. During the winter months, a different congregation in the Huntington area provide meals, basic essentials and a warm place to sleep for a group of homeless men in our community. This year, we will be hosting on December 13, 27; January 10, 24; February 7; March 1, 7 and 28. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this program, please contact:

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Spotlight On...

Liz and Steve Holbreich: Five Generations at HJC

Liz and Steve Holbreich's twin grandchildren attend the HJC Early Childhood Education Center. They are the 5th generation of their family to be a part of HJC. HJC is in their DNA. Steve was born in Huntington, as was his mother before him. His grandparents, William and Yetta Teich, came to Huntington in about 1905 and William became one of the founding members of the Huntington Hebrew Congregation ("HHC") on Church Street. Steve's parents were members of HHC and his father served as a President during the 1940's. Sunny Pond Farm, next door to our synagogue, was Steve's grandparents' home until they passed away in 1947. The land upon which our synagogue building now stands was his grandparents' dairy farm. Steve's grandfather bought land on Old Country Road at a tax sale and donated it to the synagogue to become the HJC cemetery. Steve became a bar mitzvah at HJC...and that's only half the story.

Liz was born in Boston, lived in New Jersey during her early childhood, and moved to South Huntington when she was 12. There was no synagogue in South Huntington when her family first arrived. The only synagogue in the area was the HHC and because her "conservadox" mother did not ride on Shabbat, they did not join HHC, which was not within walking distance. She prayed at home until a small "storefront shul" formed in South Huntington. Liz's mother soon became a regular there. Her father attended infrequently. When he was not in attendance, Liz's mother was accompanied on her walk home by Jay Steinberg's parents!

South Huntington did not have many Jews at that time; only 17 of the 400 youngsters in Liz's high school class were Jewish. Liz's mother, eager for her daughter to have Jewish friends, stretched the truth to arrange for her then 12-year-old daughter to join the HJC youth group for ages 13 and older. Steve, then 15, was active in the youth group, and Steve and Liz became fast friends. They had their first date on New Year's Eve, before Steve was old enough to drive, at what is now the Paramount theater on New York Avenue.

Upon high school graduation, Steve matriculated at Cornell University. Steve and Liz maintained their relationship. Liz's mother allowed her to visit him on weekends. And in 1961, she began college at Ohio State where she became friends with Tom

and Vicki Rosen. Steve and Liz continued to date throughout their college years and committed to marry; in 1965 they married...at HJC.

Initially, Steve and Liz lived in Steve's parents' home on Maplewood Road. Steve worked in department store executive training programs and Liz taught 4th grade in Smithtown. Steve's parents were then living in Harrisburg, PA, working in a family owned dress factory. Steve and Liz joined them there but it was not the right fit for them and they returned to Huntington. Liz began her 35 year teaching career in Northport and supported them both while Steve studied at Brooklyn Law School.



Steve and Liz re-joined HJC when their children were born. First came their daughter, Toby, in 1970 and later, their son Josh in 1974. Both children attended HJC religious school, celebrated all their life cycle events at HJC, and were both married by Rabbi Kurshan. Today, Toby, an attorney by training, lives with her family in Westchester, where she works for the JCC and is active in the life of her synagogue. Josh and his wife initially lived in NYC near Columbia University, where Josh studied Journalism, until their twins were born. Today, they live in Huntington and are members of HJC. Their twins attend our Early Childhood Center.

During the years that Steve and Liz were busy working and raising their family, they attended services and social and educational programs at HJC but did not participate in synagogue governance or programming. Steve was a member of the search committee that hired Rabbi Kurshan. Now, in retirement, Steve and Liz have both become active volunteers when they are not busy with their grandchildren. Steve is on the HJC endowment board, the financial committee, and the synagogue board while Liz continues to attend services, classes and programs at HJC. She also volunteers at the Nassau County Family Court with the Coalition against Domestic Violence.

The warmth of our community has been a draw for Steve and Liz and, the more involved they become, the more they want to increase their involvement in this congregation that has been home to generations of their families who helped to build the Jewish life in Huntington that we all enjoy today.

Narrative compiled by Lesley Delia Stark and Steve & Liz Holbreich



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GENERAL BUILDING AND OPERATING FUNDS

General Fund – supports services and operational continuity of the synagogue.

Annual Kol Nidre Campaign – supports operational continuity and programming.

Tree of Life – (\$360 minimum contribution).

Builder's Wall – (\$500 minimum contribution).

Ark & Pulpit Fund – supports ongoing care and restoration of the Ark and Torahs.

Lief Chapel Bench Plaques – dedicate a seat of a Lief Chapel bench (\$500 minimum contribution).

Humash – A limited number of *Etz Hayim Humashim* are available for dedication. A contribution of \$72 includes a dedication bookplate.

Ben Tasman Library Fund – defrays the expense of library supplies.

Prayerbook and Bible Fund – supports the ongoing need for prayer books.

Centennial Garden Fund— established in recognition of our 100 years, enables the synagogue to continue to beautify the grounds.

Daily Minyan Fund – helps maintain materials and books for minyan and the Lief Chapel.

Leah Greene Garden Fund – supports general landscaping and property beautification.

Yvonne Cohen Dedication Fund—supports special projects for the Nursery & Religious Schools and general congregation.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ACTION FUNDS

Social Action Fund / Jewish Nutrition Network - defrays operating costs of the weekly program of feeding the needy and supports *mitzvot*, holiday baskets and activities for the needy.

EDUCATIONAL FUNDS

Nursery School Fund – supports current Nursery School activities and special projects.

Religious School Fund – supports Religious School activities and special projects.

Youth Fund – supports activities for *Chaverim*, *Kadima* and USY groups within HJC.

Arnie Kerns Fund – supports special projects in the Nursery & Religious schools.

Collegiate Fund – supports holiday packages and mailings sent to college students (along with Sisterhood).

Leadership Development Fund – defrays expenses of seminars and leadership development programs for lay leaders.

Teacher Development Fund – enables HJC Religious School teachers to participate in continuing education programs.

Edward Spevack Kochavim Fund – subsidizes expenses for Special Education programs.

David S. Rosenman / Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund – provides scholarships for children attending Camp Ramah.

Donald L. Gordon / Israel Scholarship Fund – provides scholarships for children to travel to Israel.

Israel Engagement Fund—fund to support Israel education and quality programming to enhance Israel engagement.

Schechter Fund—provides scholarships for children attending the Schechter School of Long Island.

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund – provides funds for the Rabbi for needed purposes.

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Janet Goldstein in memory of Ralph Arditti at yahrzeit.
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Gerald Levy in memory of Audrey Levy at yahrzeit.
Andrea Smoller in honor of Felicia & Keith Messing being named the HJC Simchat Torah honorees.
Andrea Smoller in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
Evelyn Abraham & Roger Silverberg in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
Seymour Schpoont in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
The HJC Board of Trustees welcomes Karen Tina Litt of Huntington.
Loron Simon in memory of Dorothy Simon at yahrzeit.
Loron Simon in memory of Mary Simon at yahrzeit.
The HJC Board of Trustees in honor of the birth of Emma Blake, granddaughter of Amy Kulchinsky.
Ellen & Jay Steinberg in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Michael & Marshall Singer, sons of Marc & Elisa Singer.
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The HJC Board of Trustees in memory of Elaine Doris, mother of Mimi Hummel.
Morris Lagnado in memory of Albert Lagnado at yahrzeit.
Ethel Bock in memory of Nathan Hellerbach at yahrzeit.
Shelley & Marc Weinberg in memory of Eileen Danzig, mother of Allison Reiver.
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Gloria Safran in memory of Anita Gelberg at yahrzeit.
Marc Hazan in memory of Sonia Hazan at yahrzeit.
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Tracy Kaplowitz, Jonathan Boxer, Jordana, Jacob & Nina in memory of Eileen Danzig, mother of Allison Reiver.
Tracy Kaplowitz, Jonathan Boxer, Jordana, Jacob & Nina in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Neuwirth, granddaughter of Judy & Lester Fox.
Felicia & Keith Messing in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
The HJC Board of Trustees in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Caleb, son of Alon & Amal Kapen.
The Flanzenbaum family in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
David Schoenfarber in memory of Gertrude Schoenfarber at yahrzeit.

Philip Glaser in memory of Herman Glaser at yahrzeit.
Philip Glaser in memory of Bella Cohen at yahrzeit.
John Zamoiski in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
Adrienne & Bernie Rosof in memory of Meyer Ahronee, father of Lisa Golub.
Arnie Schwartz, Jennifer & family in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
Sheryl Winkler in memory of Eleanor Teitel at yahrzeit.
Marni Walters in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
Renda Rosenblatt in memory of Henry Lederman at yahrzeit.
Vered & Jack Cole in memory of Rose Cole at yahrzeit.
Vered & Jack Cole in memory of Etti Levanon at yahrzeit.
Alon Kapen in memory of Sheldon Kapen at yahrzeit.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Shelly Waldman in memory of Gabriel Goodwin.

BEN TASMAN LIBRARY FUND

Michelle & Steven Macros in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
Miriam & Joel Wirchin wishing a speedy recovery to David Klein.

CANTOR'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Joan & Norman Mattisinko in honor of the 85th birthday of Ethel Sachs.
Barry Chase in honor of the first birthday of his grandson, Isaac Chase.
Sarah & Jerry Saunders in memory of Irvin Epstein at yahrzeit.
Miriam & Joel Wirchin in honor of the participation & performance of Cantor Israel Gordan in the Benefit Concert to support Meir Panim.

CENTENNIAL GARDEN FUND

Miriam & Joel Wirchin in memory of Eileen Danzig, mother of Allison Reiver.
Miriam & Joel Wirchin in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.
Alice Rosen in memory of Charlotte Hammerschlag at yahrzeit.
Alice Rosen in memory of Fritz Hammerschlag at yahrzeit.
Alice Rosen in memory of Harold Hammerschlag at yahrzeit.
Alice Rosen in memory of Willy Loewenstein at yahrzeit.
Bruce Rosen in memory of Betty Goldgeier at yahrzeit.

COLLEGIATE FUND

Judi & Marty Rosenblatt in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Charlie Linder, grandson of Liz & Steve Holbreich.

DAILY MINYAN FUND

Marsha Perlmutter Kalina in memory of Martin Perlmutter at *yahrzeit*.

Vicki & Tom Rosen wishing a speedy recovery to Joan Cohen.
Bea Pedowicz in memory of Mollie Pedowitz at *yahrzeit*.

DAVID S. ROSENMAN CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Janet & Mark Zimmerman in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.

Joan & Norman Mattisinko in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Neuwirth, granddaughter of Judy & Lester Fox.

Judy & Lester Fox in memory of Bob Perlmutter.

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Mattisinko, granddaughter of Joan & Norman Mattisinko.

Judy & Lester Fox in honor of the marriage of Marissa, daughter of Gail & Jerry Ellstein, to Josh Scharfberg.

DONALD L. GORDON ISRAEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Marsha Perlmutter Kalina in memory of Dora Perlmutter at *yahrzeit*.

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Miriam & Joel Wirchin in honor of Felicia & Keith Messing being named the HJC Simchat Torah honorees.

SCHECHTER FUND

Vicki & Arthur Perler in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.

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Sarah & Jerry Saunders in honor of the engagement of Jonathan, son of Ellen & Jay Steinberg, to Blair Chizner.

Charlotte Rosen in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.

Eileen & Harvey Berger in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.

Gail & Jim Lodge in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.

Gail Lodge in memory of Lillian Grunberger at *yahrzeit*.

Gail Lodge in memory of Jack Grunberger at *yahrzeit*.

Janet & Martin Kushnick in memory of Allen Miller at *yahrzeit*.

Janet & Martin Kushnick in memory of Ann Labb at *yahrzeit*.

Nancy & Brian Cooper in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.

Barbara & Joel Koppersmith in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.

Tom Rosen in memory of Samuel Rosen at *yahrzeit*.

Tom Rosen in honor of his wife, Vicki, being named the 2018 HJC Sisterhood Woman of Achievement.

Nancy Bob in memory of June Philips at *yahrzeit*.

Miriam & Joel Wirchin wishing a speedy recovery to Arnie Sherman.

Gwen & Ron Goldstein in memory of Dorothy Stopsky, mother of Ellen Steinberg.

NEW MEMBERS

Karen Tina Litt of Huntington

MAZAL TOV

Ellen & Jay Steinberg announce the engagement of their son, Jonathan, to Blair Chizner.

Judy & Lester Fox announce the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Sophie Neuwirth.

Joan & Norman Mattisinko announce the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Rachel Mattisinko.

Liz & Steve Holbreich announce the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Charlie Linder.

Gail & Jerry Ellstein announce the marriage of their daughter, Marissa, to Josh Scharfberg.

CONDOLENCES

Mimi Himmel on the death of her mother, Elaine Doris.

Women's League Torah Fund

Torah Fund Campaign for 5778 is *Mah Tov*.

Mah tovu, which means "*how good!*", is a phrase that originates in the Torah, in Numbers 24:5. Quoted in our prayer book, it forms the basis of the opening prayer that is sung when we enter the synagogue.

The full phrase is *Mah tovu ohalecha Yaakov, mishk'notecha Yisrael*, "*How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings, O Israel!*" It is a spontaneous exclamation of joy and appreciation, said when gazing at the nation of Israel, dwelling in peace and mutual respect. As we celebrate the beginning of the 100th year of **Women's League for Conservative Judaism** and the end of the 75th year of the **Torah Fund Campaign**, we count our many blessings as individuals within the community of Israel. We are blessed in our synagogues with depth of learning, prayer, and acts of kindness that bind us together; with communal leaders who are thoughtful and learned; with children and grandchildren who make us smile; and with the love of family and friends.

The mission of Torah Fund is to provide support and funding for our future Conservative Rabbis, Cantors, Educators and Administrators for Day and Synagogue Schools, Social Workers, Scholars, Professional and Lay Leaders and Researchers. Our donations make it possible for students to study at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, Schechter Institutes of Judaic Studies, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano and the Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam, Germany. Donations start at \$18. Please send a check payable to Torah Fund and send to Huntington Jewish Center attention Torah Fund. If you would like to receive the 5778 Torah Fund pin as our gift to you for your generous support, please contact Evelyn Abraham or Ethel Sachs for more information. If you would like to purchase Torah Fund Greeting Cards, please contact Evelyn Abraham. Mazel Tov to our 2017- 2018 Woman of Achievement, Vicki Rosen.



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Kindling the Chanukah Lights: Beginning Tuesday evening, December 12th



This year (2017), we begin lighting candles **on Tuesday night, December 12** and we light the last candle **on the night of December 19**.

Remember to put the first candle on the rightmost holder of your Chanukiyah and add candles from right to left each night. Then light the Shamash and begin lighting the newest candle first (the one on the left) while saying or singing the blessings below. **On the Shabbat night of Chanukah, light the Chanukah candles first and then the Shabbat candles.**

First Blessing

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק
נר של חנוכה.

Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel chanukah.

Blessed our God, ruler of the universe, by whose mitzvot we are sanctified and who commands us to kindle the lights of Chanukah

Second Blessing

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
שעשה נסים לאבותינו
בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, sheh-asa nissim la-vo-tei-nu bayamim ha-haim bazman hazeh.

Blessed our God, ruler of the universe, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

Third Blessing (only on the first night)

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה

Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melech ha-olam, she-he-che-yanu v'ki-ye-manu v'he-gi-yanu la'zman ha-zeh.

Blessed our God, ruler of the universe, for giving us life, sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

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At The Annual HJC Hanukkah Happening!

Sunday, December 10th
10:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Gift Fair, Raffle, Grand Prize Raffle Baskets!
FUN CHILDREN'S CRAFTS!

Hot Dogs, Latkes, Donuts, Healthy Snacks & Drinks
Available For Purchase

Singalong With Cantor Gordon:
Come Join Your Child As Each Class Performs a Special Song
At 10:45 AM in the Main Sanctuary



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HJC Community Candle Lighting

Tuesday, December 19th
6:15 pm



Join with the HJC Community at the
chanukiah
in front of HJC.

Add to the joy and light of Chanukah
by celebrating with the HJC
community!

Everyone is invited to come inside
afterwards
for hot cocoa and donuts.
(Courtesy of Sisterhood)

All are welcome!